

**MINUTES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 5 AT 9:00 A.M.**

The *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exchange Contractors GSA)* met on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the *San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's* office located at 541 "H" Street, City of Los Banos, County of Merced, State of California. The following persons were present:

Central California Irrigation District (CCID):

Eric Fontana, Director; Jarrett Martin, Manager

San Luis Canal Company (SLCC):

David Pruitt, Alternate Director; John Wiersma, Manager

Firebaugh Canal Water District (FCWD):

Mike Stearns, Director; Jeff Bryant, Manager (teleconference)

Columbia Canal Company (CCC):

Kimberly Brown, Chair; Randy Houk, Manager

STAFF MEMBERS:

Chris White, Executive Director; Steve Chedester, Director of Policy & Programs; Joann White, Director of Finance and Administration; and Adam Hoffman, Water Resources Specialist

PRESENT:

Andrew McClure, Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper LLP; Rick Iger, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group (teleconference); and Kristi Robinson, Waterwise (teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kimberly Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Manager Houk to lead meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Brown then proceeded to ask for a moment of silence in memory of David Carlucci, San Luis Canal Company's Board member who recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The unapproved minutes from the March 4, 2022 Exchange Contractors GSA meeting were presented. A motion was made by Director Fontana and seconded by Director Stearns to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no public comments presented.

BOARD TO APPROVE MARCH-JUNE 2022 EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Joann White presented the Expenditure list and provided a summary of the Financial Memo included in the meeting packet for March-June 2022.

Director Fontana made a motion to approve the March-June 2022 Expenditure List and Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stearns and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FIRST AMENDED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR PORTIONS OF THE DELTA MENDOTA SUBBASIN:

At 9:05 a.m., the Public Hearing was opened to receive oral and written comments prior to the consideration of approving the Resolution Adopting of the first amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan for portions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin. The hearing convened pursuant to and in the satisfaction of the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, including Section 10728.4.

The Executive Director informed the Board that no oral or written comments had been received prior to the meeting.

Manager Martin provided a summary of the four comments received from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan submitted in 2019. He said that during the process of preparing the First Amendment to the GSP, they have worked closely with DWR and the other GSA's within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and was optimistic in seeing it pass. After determining there were no further comments submitted, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:09 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04:

Upon review by Legal Counsel of Resolution No. 2022-04, Adopting the First Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Portions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, a motion was made by Director Stearns to approve Resolution No. 2022-04. The motion was seconded by Director Fontana and passed unanimously.

Following Board action, Board members and staff thanked Manager Martin for his time and leadership through this process.

Before concluding the meeting, Legal Counsel Andrew McClure provided a status update on the CALSpa Litigation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

KIMBERLY BROWN, CHAIR

Attest a true record of proceedings had
And taken at the foregoing meeting, our
Presence thereat and our consent thereto.

CHRIS WHITE, SECRETARY

ERIC FONTANA, DIRECTOR

DAVID PRUITT, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

MIKE STEARNS, DIRECTOR